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Clerk to Bills Committee on Motor Vehicle Idling (Fixed Penalty) Bill
Legislative Council Secretariat
3/F Citibank Tower
3 Garden Road
Central, Hong Kong

Dear Sirs

Re: Bills Committee on Motor Vehicle Idling (Fixed Penalty) Bill

The Australian Chamber of Commerce in Hong Kong (AustCham) is writing to voice its support, in principle, to the bill before the Legislative Council to prohibit the idling of motor vehicles in Hong Kong.

AustCham, the second largest international chamber of commerce in Hong Kong, shares the community's concern over the current and continuing state of Hong Kong's poor air quality. Apart from being a health hazard, air pollution has long been recognised by the business community as a pervasive threat to Hong Kong's competitiveness.

Motor vehicles are the main cause of air pollutants at street level in Hong Kong. Although the prohibition will have a relatively small impact in reducing overall roadside emissions, we believe that it will cultivate behavioural changes among drivers and the public at large. We also agree that there should be practicable and enforceable penalties with flexibility for vehicles which need to keep their engines running for operational reasons.

AustCham urges the HKSAR Government to tackle local and regional air pollution problems; and pledges its continuous support in the realisation of effective measures to tackle these issues.

Yours faithfully,

Clement Chan
Chairman
The Australian Chamber of Commerce in Hong Kong

Cc: AustCham Sustainable Development Committee Members
Cc: AustCham Board of Directors